GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF KEROSENE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of demand and supply of kerosene in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the quantum of kerosene imported by the Government to meet the demand during the said period;

(c) whether some State Governments have urged the Union Government to enhance the allocation of kerosene quota;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to meet the demands of the State Governments ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)
(a) to (e):- Kerosene is an allocated product and annual/monthly allocation is made by the Central Government to the States/UTs for distribution through Public Distribution System.The allocation of kerosene is made on historical basis i.e. past year`s allocation plus additional allocation out of increase given at the national level based on the principle of giving higher increase to the States with lower per capita availability so as to reduce inter- State disparity. The statement showing the annual allocation to the States/UTs for the last three years is at Annexure -A. The quantum of kerosene imported by the Government during the last three years is as follows:

Year	Quantity(MMT)
1996-97.1	3.787
1997-98	3.204
1998-99	5.421

Requests are received from various State Governments for additional allocation of kerosene from time to time.Kerosene is a deficit product in the country, and on account of constraints of product availability, foreign exchange and heavy subsidy, the distribution has to be judicious.